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SENATE BILL

No. 272

Introduced by Senator Runner

February 15, 2007

An act to add Section 66025.8 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 272, as amended, Runner. Public postsecondary education: Armed Forces service.

(1) Existing law requires each segment of public higher education to establish, and update as necessary, a written policy concerning students who are called to active military service, as specified. Existing law grants to qualifying members of the National Guard, the State Military Reserve, and the Naval Militia an entitlement to academic leave when active duty, as defined, interrupts college attendance for the purpose of pursuing an undergraduate degree.

This bill would require the California State University and each community college district, and request the University of California, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, to grant priority for ~~the registration for enrollment in classes~~ to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States to be given priority in the enrollment of classes at those institutions for the first academic term attended at one of these institutions after leaving active duty, if the student enrolls and begins attending classes within 2 years of leaving

active duty. The bill would also require that priority for enrollment be granted to any student of those institutions who is called to active military duty compelling the student to take an academic leave of absence.

Insofar as the bill would impose costs on the California Community Colleges in evaluating an individual's eligibility for priority in enrollment, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66025.8 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 66025.8. The California State University and each community
4 college district shall, and the University of California is requested
5 to, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions
6 that administers a priority enrollment system, grant priority in that
7 system for ~~enrollment in classes~~ *registration for enrollment* to any
8 member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United
9 States for the first academic term attended at one of these
10 institutions after that student has left active duty, if the student
11 enrolls and begins attending classes within two years of leaving
12 active duty. As used in this section, "member or former member
13 of the Armed Forces of the United States" includes, but is not
14 necessarily limited to, any student who is called to active military
15 duty compelling that student to take an academic leave of absence.
16 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
17 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
18 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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